

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

( Applicants wish to supplement and clarify their remarks and arguments previously submitted on December 30, 2004 in the above-identified application.

The combination of the references of Montgomery, Leanna, and Lindner would result in an "overdetermination" of the printing plate.

Overdetermination, which is well known to those skilled in the art to which the present invention relates, pertains to the distances between the register recesses and their dimensions. Thus, a plate with three registers pins engaging or meshing with three recesses that would result from the combination of Leanna and Lindner, as previously discussed in the December 30 Response, is technically impractical, and would not work. Thus, when three register pins engage or mesh with the three register recesses, the pins and recesses would get jammed because of overdetermination. The pins would be clamped to the recesses so that the resulting device would not work. In the case where two register pins engage or mesh with two register recesses, there is no overdetermination and the device works well. The proposed combination of references would create technical problems with the distances between the

register recesses and their dimensions and therefore, one skilled in the art would not combine the references as proposed by the Examiner.

It is accordingly believed to be clear that for the reasons stated in the December 30 Response and in this Supplemental Response none of the references, whether taken alone or in any combination, either show or suggest the features of claim 5. Claim 5 is, therefore, believed to be patentable over the art. The dependent claims are believed to be patentable as well because they all are ultimately dependent on claim 5.

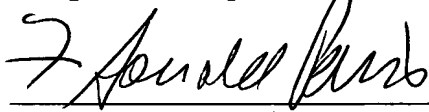
In view of the foregoing and the remarks submitted in our December 30 Response, reconsideration and allowance of claims 5 and 7-11 are solicited.

In the event the Examiner should still find any of the claims to be unpatentable, counsel would appreciate receiving a telephone call so that, if possible, patentable language can be worked out.

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